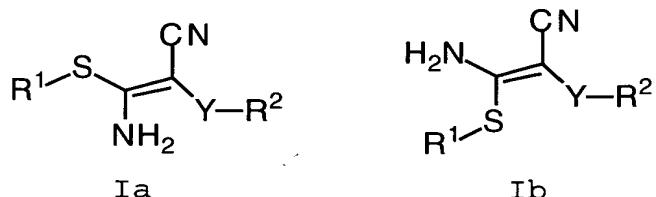


ABSTRACT

This invention relates generally to amino-thio-acrylonitriles of formula Ia or Ib:



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as MEK inhibitors, pharmaceutical compositions containing the same, and methods of using the same as for treatment and prevention of inflammatory disorders or as an anticancer radiosensitizing agent.